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1780 edition. Excerpt: ...not only the motions of the stomach and duodenum become inverted, but also those of the lymphatics and lacteals, which belong to them; whence a great quantity of chyle and lymph is perpetually poured into the stomach and intestines, during the operation, and evacuated by the mouth.

Now at the same time, other branches of the lymphatic system, viz. those which open on the cellular membrane, are brought into more energetic action, by the sympathy above-mentioned, and an increase of their absorption is produced.

Hence repeated vomits, and cupreous salts, and small doses of squill, or foxglove, H are are so efficacious in this disease. And as drastic purges act also by inverting the motions of the lacteals.; and thence the other branches of lymphatics are induced into more powerful natural action, by sympathy, and drink up the fluids from all the cells of the body; and by their anastomoses, pour them into the lacteal branches; which, by their inverted actions, return them into the intestines; and they are thus evacuated from she body: --these purges also are used with success in discharging the accumulated fluid in anasarca.

VI. Of cold Sweats. np H ER E have been histories given of "-chronical

immoderate sweatings, which bear some analogy to the diabaetes. Dr. Willis mentions a lady then living, whose sweats were for many years so profuse, that all her bed-clothes were not only moistened, but deluged with them every night: and, that many ounces, and sometimes pints, of this sweat, were received in vessels properly placed, as it trickled down her body.

He adds, that she had great thirst, had taken many medicines, and submitted to various rules of life, and changes of climate, but still continued to have these immoderate sweats, .

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